

(B) *the placenta is for personal use.*

(b) *A person removing a placenta from a hospital or birthing center under this section may only retain the placenta for personal use and may not sell the placenta.*

(c) *A hospital or birthing center shall retain a signed form received under Subsection (a) with the woman's medical records.*

(d) *This section does not prohibit a pathological examination of the delivered placenta that is ordered by a physician or required by a policy of the hospital or birthing center.*

(e) *This section does not authorize a woman or the woman's spouse to interfere with a pathological examination of the delivered placenta that is ordered by a physician or required by a policy of the hospital or birthing center.*

(f) *A hospital or birthing center that allows a person to take possession of and remove from the facility a delivered placenta in compliance with this section is not required to dispose of the placenta as medical waste.*

(g) *A hospital or birthing center that acts in accordance with this section is not liable for the act in a civil action, a criminal prosecution, or an administrative proceeding.*

Sec. 172.003. DEPARTMENT DUTIES. The department shall develop the form and the educational information required under Section 172.002 and post a copy of the form and information on the department's Internet website.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2015, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Chapter 172, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 172.002, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, a hospital or birthing facility is not required to comply with that section until January 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 13, 2015: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 2015.

Effective June 17, 2015.

**ELIMINATION OF THE FEE FOR THE GOLD STAR MOTHER,
FATHER, SPOUSE, OR FAMILY MEMBER SPECIALTY
LICENSE PLATE**

CHAPTER 741

H.B. No. 1702

AN ACT

relating to the elimination of the fee for the Gold Star mother, father, spouse, or family member specialty license plate.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 504.512(b), Transportation Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 2015.

Effective January 1, 2016.

**AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVERS**

CHAPTER 742

H.B. No. 1733

AN ACT

**relating to automobile liability insurance for transportation network company
drivers.**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 10, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Chapter 1954 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 1954. INSURANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
COMPANY DRIVERS**

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1954.001. DEFINITIONS. *In this chapter:*

(1) “Digital network” means any online-enabled application, software, website, or system offered or used by a transportation network company that enables a prearranged ride with a transportation network company driver.

(2) “Personal vehicle” means a vehicle that is used by a transportation network company driver and is:

(A) owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for use by the driver; and

(B) not a taxicab, limousine, or similar for-hire vehicle.

(3) “Prearranged ride” means transportation provided by a transportation network company driver to a transportation network company rider, beginning at the time a driver accepts a ride requested by a rider through a digital network controlled by a transportation network company and ending at the time the last requesting rider departs from the driver’s personal vehicle. The term does not include:

(A) a shared expense carpool or vanpool arrangement or service; or

(B) transportation provided using a taxicab, limousine, or similar for-hire vehicle.

(4) “Transportation network company” means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity operating in this state that uses a digital network to connect a transportation network company rider to a transportation network company driver for a prearranged ride. The term does not include an entity arranging nonemergency medical transportation under a contract with the state or a managed care organization for individuals qualifying for Medicaid or Medicare.

(5) “Transportation network company driver” means an individual who:

(A) receives connections to potential transportation network company riders and related services from a transportation network company in exchange for payment of a fee to the company; and

(B) uses a personal vehicle to offer or provide a prearranged ride to a transportation network company rider on connection with the rider through a digital network controlled by the company in exchange for compensation or payment of a fee.

(6) “Transportation network company rider” means an individual who uses a transportation network company’s digital network to connect with a transportation network company driver who provides a prearranged ride to the individual in the dri-